

**Amendments To The Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

~~Claims 1-16 (cancelled).~~

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Claim 17. (currently amended) Method for screening ~~the a compound for an substrate~~  
~~effect on the of tested compound to ability of the transport of organic anions with the a protein~~  
~~according to claims 1 to 4 to transport organic anions, wherein the protein is selected from:~~  
(A) a protein comprising the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO 2, or  
(B) a protein comprising the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO 2, to which at least one  
amino acid residue has been deleted, substituted or added.

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18. (new) The method of claim 17, wherein the protein is derived from rats.
19. (new) The method of claim 17, wherein the protein is derived from human.
20. (new) The method of claim 17, wherein the protein is derived from kidneys.